

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II**

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SUBJECT: Review of RI/FS Health and Safety Plan for Ventron Velsicol Superfund Site

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TO: Donna Hasemen

This is to request your review of the enclosed Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for the Ventron Velsicol site in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE) has commented on the draft Health and Safety Plan and received a response from the potentially responsible party's (PRP's) contractor, these comments and responses are also enclosed for your review.

The 40 acre Ventron/Velsicol site operated as a chemical-processing plant from 1929 until 1974. For the majority of the 45 year operating period, untreated mercury-containing waste effluent was discharged into Berry's Creek. In addition, approximately 160 tons of process waste was buried on site. The site is heavily contaminated with mercury, other metals, and PCBs.

As a state lead site, NJDEPE has requested that comments be provided as quickly as possible. Please submit your comments to me on or before April 1, 1993. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (212) 264-9836. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Attachment